

Snowland (Andrew Naudain House)
On Little Duck Creek at the south end of town
Leipsic
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Location: On Little Duck Creek at the south end
of town, Leipsic, Kent County, Delaware.

Brief Statement
of Significance: This plantation house, built in the second
half of the eighteenth century, is repre-
sentative of a rather simple Georgian
tradition in Delaware.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Snowland, built in the latter half of the eighteenth century, was Andrew Naudain's plantation house on a 1400-acre tract. The place was named Snowland for Andrew Naudain's wife whose maiden name was Rebecca Snow.

This plantation house is a two-story-and-attic, five-bay brick structure, painted white. At the southeast end it has, on the same axis, a one-story-and-attic brick wing. The Victorian verandah before the house-door is, of course, a much later addition.

The belt course between the ground and upper floors, and the absence of dormers, emphasize the horizontal accent of the orderly Middle Georgian mass. Judging from the disposition of the windows on the southwest front of Snowland, the part of the main bloc of the house to the left of the house-door, was built a little later than the three-bay part directly next the low wing.

Snowland is a good example of the simple Delaware plantation house built after Georgian symmetrical arrangement had come into favour. While many of the external features characteristic of the Middle Georgian manner are absent, the fundamental feeling of the composition is unquestionably traceable to Georgian precedent.

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The interior of Snowland comports well with the exterior. The woodwork, though not elaborate, is good and its pattern accords with contemporary usage. The interior plainly indicates that the owners really lived in their plantation house and had not forsaken it for town or city dwelling.

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